

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING FRAZIER
LOCKART

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exemplary constituent and public steward, Mr. Frazer Lockart of Evergreen, Colorado. Mr. Lockart is a finalist for the 2007 Service to America Medals, a prestigious national awards program designed to pay honor to those individuals who have demonstrated great accomplishment in public service. Presented by the Partnership for Public Service, these awards highlight the successes of Federal employees who have made significant contributions to the country. This year, Mr. Lockart's achievements in completing the first successful cleanup of a former nuclear weapons production facility are commended.

Rocky Flats, located near Denver, Colorado, was a nuclear weapons production facility which closed in 1989 after Federal investigators discovered grave amounts of radioactive pollutants in surrounding soil and water sources. The extent of the pollution was so severe some officials deemed the facility beyond the point of recovery, even suggesting the site should be abandoned outright. A 1995 cleanup estimate of the facility was projected at \$35 billion over a 70-year span.

Mr. Lockart, managing an intergovernmental and private-sector contingent, began work to clean and restore the site. It took just 10 years and \$7 billion to complete. To date, the Rocky Flats project is the largest and most successful Federal cleanup, with over 95% of formerly contaminated land now reopened for public use. In fact, Congress passed the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge Act of 2001, setting aside 6,400 acres for protection and public enjoyment. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of Mr. Lockart.

The ability to effectively and efficiently handle this great undertaking is a profile to Mr. Lockart's abilities and vision. Through his efforts, all Americans are now able to enjoy the natural beauty of Colorado, and local residents now live in a healthy environment. In addition, his management style and leadership abilities have become prime examples for the success of future restoration projects.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute and congratulating Mr. Lockart for his great contribution to this Nation.

A TRIBUTE TO NIA ELENA HENRY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 16th birthday of Nia Elena Henry.

Nia was born in Brooklyn, NY, and attended pre-school at the Montessori Academy in Park Slope. She stayed at the Montessori Academy throughout elementary school, after which she attended the Crown School for Law and Journalism.

At the Crown School Nia discovered her affinity for filmmaking. She demonstrated an ability to lead, and was selected to be a "Prefect" of a community service team. While serving this position, Nia orchestrated a project in which she visited and delivered gifts from her schoolmates and New York Assemblyman Clarence Norman to a disabled woman.

During the summer of seventh grade, Nia enrolled in a cultural arts program called Ifetayo. Through the program, Nia was able to take African and Modern Dancing classes, as well as participate in a program called "Rites of Passage," which she continues to attend. Nia was able to apply her filming abilities in order to make a movie about the death of her grandfather. She also volunteered to complete a cinematic project about Guatemala.

Ms. Henry currently attends the Benjamin Banneker Academy for Community Development where she became a student of the Chinese language during her freshman year. She also helped to complete a school movie made for media communications. Nia is a student with broad horizons and great ambitions. Her desire to help others is reflected in her ultimate career goal, which is to become a doctor.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the 16th birthday of Nia Elena Henry, who has achieved much more in 16 years than most are able to accomplish in a lifetime.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Nia Elena Henry.

HONORING DR. ALBERT J. SIMONE

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, with great appreciation and delight I rise today to honor a distinguished and dedicated leader, educator, administrator, and neighbor who for a decade and a half has moved his institution and his community forward.

As President of Rochester Institute of Technology, RIT, Dr. Albert J. Simone has left a lasting and profound mark not only on his professional school, but on the region it calls home. At RIT, Dr. Simone brought innovation, energy, vision and success after success to a school with 15,500 students from all across America and the world, helping make it one of the Nation's leading career-oriented universities.

The effect of his leadership has been felt well beyond campus limits and will be felt for generations to come in Rochester and western New York. A believer in education through collaboration, Dr. Simone has been indispensable

in cultivating enriching relationships with local and federal government, western New York businesses, the local community, and nations across the globe. Whether he was engaging students in college classrooms or becoming the first American university president to officially visit North Korea and Vietnam when these regions were largely closed to the United States, Dr. Simone has understood the importance of reaching out, connecting, and working together.

Ever since arriving in Rochester from Hawaii in 1992, Dr. Simone has immersed himself and RIT in the western New York community. Involved in countless organizations—including the Rochester Business Alliance, the Center for Governmental Research, the Executive Committee of Upstate Partners, and High Technology of Rochester, just to name a few—Dr. Simone has put his characteristic zeal and intelligence to work to make Rochester work. Although an incomparable educator at heart, having taught at MIT, Northeastern University, Boston College, and others, Dr. Simone has become a regional leader as much as an educational leader.

Thus, Madam Speaker, in recognition of the indelible mark Dr. Simone has left on RIT, Rochester and western New York, his remarkable educational and administrative accomplishments, and his spirit to make his community a better place, I ask that this honorable body join me in honoring Dr. Albert J. Simone.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED
PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL SALI

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Mr. SALI. Mr. Chairman, I am dismayed by last week's votes on issues related to abortion and foreign aid.

I joined with all but 12 of my colleagues on my side of the aisle and 25 Members of the Majority in voting against legislation that would overturn what commonly is known as the "Mexico City" policy.

First enacted by President Reagan and sustained by the first President Bush, this policy has been, for the past 6 years, the policy of our country under our current President. Put simply, the policy says this: Federal resources provided to international family planning organizations cannot be used by them to pay for abortion or efforts to overturn pro-life laws in the countries where such groups operate.

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